GMS 7887 HOBI Research Seminar
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Wednesdays 12 pm – 1 pm
DSIT 7200

Instructors

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Course Overview and Learning Objectives

The HOBI Research Seminar is designed for HOBI PhD and master's students to come together for inter-disciplinary learning and professional development. The HOBI Research Seminar will achieve the following objectives:

- Participate in inter-disciplinary learning and discussion through participation in Grand Rounds
- Gain insight into the process of developing proposal ideas and learning how a proposal may be reviewed through participation in Design Studio
- Become familiar with HOBI Graduate Faculty and their research areas. This semester's focus is getting to know our external graduate faculty and their areas of research. This can be particularly important as you are considering committee membership.
- Participate in professional development activities. This semester's focus is on the writing and publication process.

Course Assignments and Weighting

This course is S/U graded.

Attendance and Preparation (35%): You will be expected to attend the seminar each week *having completed the assigned readings which will be posted to Canvas*. Each seminar will have a sign-in sheet. You are not allowed to sign in for anyone but yourself. In-person attendance is expected for all sessions. There is a Zoom option for Grand Rounds and

Design Studio that can be used with prior permission by one of the instructors if necessary due to illness or conference travel. **To pass the course you need to be present for 11 of the 13 sessions. If you are not present, you do not need to submit the reaction paper (below).** If you have extenuating circumstances that will result in you missing more than 2 sessions, please speak to one of the instructors.

Reaction Papers (65%): Each week, you will be required to submit a Reaction Paper to Canvas. These Reaction Papers should be ~500 words and reflect your reactions, thoughts, analyses and questions regarding the weekly topic, which generally includes readings as well as the presentation. The document should be formatted with 0.5-inch margins, 11-point font, and single spacing. Please submit your papers **by midnight on the Sunday following class**. **A passing grade on the Reaction paper is 80% or higher.**

Reaction Papers will be evaluated based on:

- Summary of the presentation (~250 words)
- Your personal response to the topic (~250 words)
- Overall document organization, with a strong emphasis on topic and transition sentences.
- On time

Professionalism: Please be prompt and attentive during the presentations. You can not be prompt and attentive if you are multi-tasking. This means your laptop computers should be closed during the presentations.

COURSE MATERIALS
All course materials will be posted to the Canvas site.

AI TOOLS
The use of generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Dall-e, etc.) is permitted in this course for checking grammar and spelling. The use of generative AI tools is not permitted in this course for writing any portion of your reaction papers or discussion questions.

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Please see https://go.ufl.edu/syllabuspolicies

Course Schedule

Three notes about attendance at department events (Grand Rounds and Design Studio).

1. **Lunch:** Lunch is provided at Grand Rounds and Design Studio. However, you MUST RSVP for each event if you want to each lunch by accepting the calendar invite. This is your responsibility. If you are having any challenges with the calendar invites, please reach out to Kristy Rodgers.
2. **Design Studio**: The Design Studio is scheduled from 12-1:30 on Wednesdays; however, our class is only scheduled until 1 pm. If you need to leave at 1 pm that is fine.
3. **Grand Rounds Trainee Sessions**: Typically, following Grand Rounds there will be a trainee session for students to meet with the speaker starting at 1:15 p.m. This is optional but encouraged.

Week	**Activity**	**Due** *By Sunday 11:59 pm*	**Lead Instructor**
1 – 8/27	Intro to Course Intro Activity		Dr. Bylund
2 – 9/3	HOBI Grad Faculty Speaker: Naykky Singh Ospina, MD Department of Medicine	Reaction paper on readings & talk	Dr. Wollney
3 – 9/10	Writing Professional Development #1: Writing a Scientific Article	Reaction paper on session	Dr. Bylund
4 – 9/17	HOBI Department Design Studio	Reaction paper on readings & talk	Dr. Wollney
5 – 9/24	HOBI Department Grand Rounds	Reaction paper on readings & talk	Dr. Bylund
6 – 10/1	HOBI Grad Faculty Speaker: Dr. Shama Karanth Department of Surgery	Reaction paper on readings & talk	Dr. Wollney
7 – 10/8	Grand Rounds	Reaction paper on readings & talk	Dr. Wollney
8 – 10/15	Design Studio	Reaction paper on readings & talk	Dr. Bylund
9 – 10/22	Course Preview Spring Semester/ Writing Professional Development #2: Publishing and Reviewing	Reaction paper on session	Dr. Bylund
10 – 10/29	HOBI Grad Faculty Speaker: Bill Duncan, College of Dentistry	Reaction paper on readings & talk	Dr. Bylund
11 – 11/5	HOBI Grad Faculty Speaker: Erin Mobley, UF Jax	Reaction paper on readings & talk	Dr. Wollney

	Department of Surgery		
12 – 11/12	Grand Rounds	Reaction paper on readings & talk	Dr. Wollney
13 – 11/19	*Design Studio – Cancelled due to AMIA*		
14 – 11/26	*Thanksgiving Break – No Class*		
15 – 12/3	Writing Professional Development #3: Writing Strategies	Reaction paper on session	Dr. Wollney